

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

DATE October 26, 1970

Full Name James Bush
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 321 N. E. 33 Street

City Fort Lauderdale State Florida 33308

Age 22 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Protestant Nationality U.S.

Occupation Ambulance attendant - mortician's helper

Education High school

Weight 170 Color Black Height 5' 10"

Color of hair Black Color of eyes Brown

Outstanding characteristics or interests _____

Married or single Single Children _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date Reg'd.</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
<u>T 169</u>	<u>Ft. Laud.</u>	<u>Fla.</u>	<u>S.M.</u>	<u>April 1970</u>	<u>Oct. 1970</u>

Special recognition Scouter's Training Award

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

Attempted homosexual acts with Scouts.

Signed _____

Scout Executive

GC-294-31

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December 7, 1982

Mr. John H. Malone
Director of Field Service
South Florida Council, No. 84

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: James Bush

Dear John:

Please excuse the long delay in answering your letter concerning the registration of James Louis Bush, Scout Master of Troop 169.

We have deleted the registration for Mr. Bush in any positions which we have in this office. We also are re-confirming the refusal of registration in our file, so that any future registrations which come in will result in refusal of registration at that time.

If you find other information concerning Mr. Bush, please do not hesitate to tell us.

I am sorry that we were not able to respond to you quicker concerning this matter. Let me know if anything else should be done with this case.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription &
Statistical Service

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cc: Southeast Region
W. Robert Somers, Area Director, Southeast Region

READY TO FILE
DEC 7 1982
DIANA ATKINSON

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PRIORITY SEPARATION

COUNCIL NO. 84

UNIT NO. 0169

DEATH

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C. F.

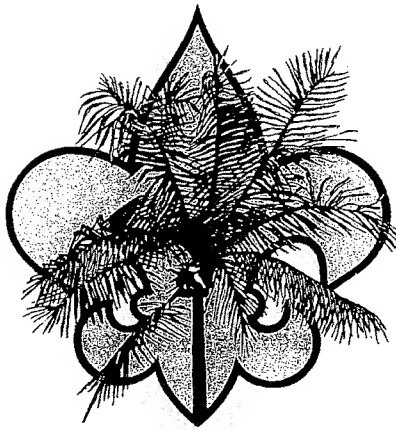
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ADULT/ BOY NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE & ZIP	STATUS	POS.
James L Bush	2880 NW 24 th AVE	FL. Lauderdale	FL. 33308		SM
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				DEC 8 1982	

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SOUTH FLORIDA COUNCIL

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October 28, 1982

Mr. Paul I. Ernst
Registration, Subscription
and Statistical Service
National Office
Boy Scouts of America
1325 Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, Texas 75062-1296

Dear Mr. Ernst:

It was my pleasure in visiting with you last Friday. Unfortunately, the circumstances were not as pleasant as I would have desired. Nonetheless, the background on:

Mr. James Louis Bush
Scoutmaster - Boy Scout Troop 169
South Florida Council - #084

is attached in letters dated:

April 21, 1978
May 24, 1979
June 8, 1979

and he was placed on permanent probation.

There has been a change in Mr. Bush's situation. Mr. James Louis Bush was charged with Unemployment Compensation Fraud, a felony. He was convicted on July 14, 1981 in Broward County Circuit Court, Docket Number 81-1382 C-F. He was sentenced to 18 months probation. His probation ends January 14, 1983. His probation officer is:

Ms. Sue Smith
Broward County Department of Corrections
1-305-782-7030

Boy Scouts of America, Thomas L. Tatham Service Center, 2960 Coral Way, P.O. Box 450099, Miami, Florida 33145
Phone (305) 446-8431, 584-4200 Broward



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Mr. Paul I. Ernst
October 26, 1982
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It is my recommendation that Mr. Bush's registration with the Boy Scouts of America be withdrawn immediately, per our telephone conversation of October 22, 1982. If this action is still accepted, I would appreciate you forwarding to me whatever written directive necessary to fully execute the action on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America.

Thank you very much for your continued support in this important matter.

Sincerely,


John H. Malone
Director of Field Service

JHM/ojc

Attachments

cc: W. Ross McGill, Scout Executive
Michael W. Casey, III, Council President

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5/8/78*

April 21, 1978

Mr. Robert Kilmer
Scout Executive
South Florida Council, No. 84

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: James Bush

Dear Mr. Kilmer:

You recently sent us the Scouter application for James Bush, 2880 NW 24th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to serve as Scoutmaster of Troop 169 in District 3. We regret to inform you that we cannot accept Mr. Bush's application.

When informing Mr. Bush about this, simply tell him that the National Council does not wish to accept his registration in the Boy Scouts of America. If Mr. Bush should raise any questions as to reason, you might indicate to him that registration in the Boy Scouts of America is a privilege and not a right, and that the National Council reserves the prerogative to accept those individuals it feels will best serve the interests of the organization.

Please submit another application with fee for the replacement of Mr. Bush as Scoutmaster. Please be sure to attach the enclosed referral slip with the new application so that it comes directly to our attention and we can release this unit without further delay.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst
Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription Service

ENC. CREDIT & REFERRAL SLIP

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May 24, 1979

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: James Bush

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Thanks very much.

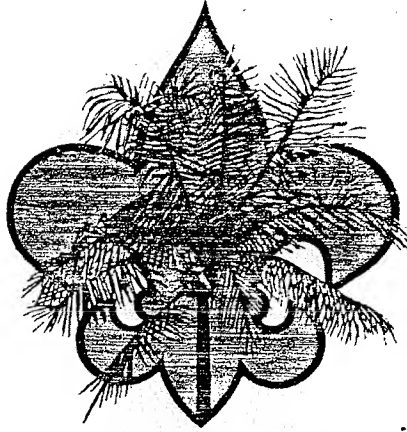
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Registration, Subscription and
Statistical Service

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SOUTH FLORIDA COUNCIL

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June 8, 1979

Mr. Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription & Statistical
Service
Boy Scouts of America
North Brunswick, N. J. 08902

Subject: James Bush

Dear Paul,

Your inquiry to Mr. Kilmer of May 24 has been referred to me for response.

I have discussed the subject with the field director who is knowledgeable about the history and I am to understand that there has been no appreciable change in the situation during the past year.

To recall the status of last year, I am enclosing a copy of a memorandum from our file on this matter.

Sincerely,

Glenn E. Alexander
Director of Field Service

GEA:cp

encl.

Boy Scouts of America. Thomas L. Tatham Service Center. 2960 Coral Way. Miami, Florida 33145

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

May 11, 1978

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH [REDACTED] IN REFERENCE TO
JAMES BUSH'S APPLICATION AS SCOUTMASTER OF
TROOP 169

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Submitted by

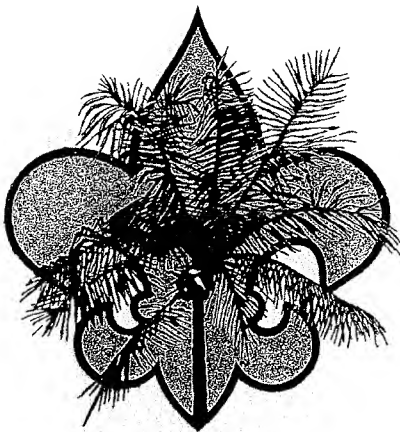
Harry Bynum
P.T.

Harry Bynum
Field Director

HB/pt
JAMES BUSH'S
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June 8, 1979

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Registration, Subscription & Statistical
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Boy Scouts of America
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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

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Submitted by

Harry Bynum
P.T.
Harry Bynum
Field Director

HB/pt
JAMES BUSH'S
File Copy

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May 24, 1979

Mr. Robert Kilmer
Scout Executive
South Florida Co. No. 84

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: James Bush

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Thanks very much.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration, Subscription and
Statistical Service

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IDENTIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

RETURN PROMPTLY TO:
Registration and Subscription
Boy Scouts of America

(MARKED PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL)

COUNCIL NO. 84	DISTRICT NO. 3	UNIT TR 169
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DATE 4/18/78

SCOUTER JAMES BUSH

POSITION SM

ADDRESS 2880 NW 24 AVE., FT. LAUDERDALE, FL

TELEPHONE NO. 731 4310

EVER SERVED IN TR 169 in 1970? AS SCOUTMASTER? YES to BOTH QUESTIONS

Lived in	YES	NO
Is first or middle name	YES	NO
Full name	<u>JAMES BUSH</u>	
First	Middle	Last
Exact age	Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	How long married

Spouse's name _____

Children _____ Names and ages _____

Education _____ Where _____?

Occupation REDWARD COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM
BUS DRIVER

Back	<u>BLACK</u>		
Hair	red	Eyes	brown <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	brown		blue
	blond		hazel
	black <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		green
gray		black	
Height	<u>5' 10"</u>	Weight	<u>180</u>

Date 5/3/78
Signature C. J. C. C. C.
Scout Executive

—ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN SHADED AREAS AND AS MANY OTHERS AS POSSIBLE—

No. 28-906

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MEMORANDUM

May 9, 1978

TO: L. R. KILMER

FROM: FRANK WARNHOFF

SUBJECT: THE PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL LETTER ON SCOUTMASTER JAMES BUSH
NATIONAL REGISTRATION SERVICE, APRIL 21, 1978

Last evening I met with Mr. Bush and informed him that his registration was not acceptable to the National Council. He assured me that until this problem was resolved, he would turn Troop 169 over to one of his committee members whose application will be forthcoming.

Mr. Bush also asked how he could check on what the problem was with his application and I referred him to the Director of Registration and Subscription Service at the National Office.

cc: Harry Bynum

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Broward 584-4200 Dade/Monroe 446-8431

May 12, 1978

Good Morning Paul:

Attached you will find copies of everything we have in the James Bush file along with an additional memorandum sent to me by Field Director Harry Bynum after our conversation with Mr. [REDACTED], head of the sponsoring institution.

Sincerely,

RLK
L. Robert Kilmer
Scout Executive

LRK:ama
Encl.

Mr. Paul I. Ernst,
National Director of Registration and Subscriptions
Boy Scouts of America
National Office
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

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2960 Coral Way, Miami

A. DORMAN

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

MEMORANDUM

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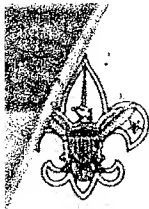
Submitted by

Harry Bynum
P.T.
Harry Bynum
Field Director

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INTRAORGANIZATION COMMUNICATION

Mary
Confidential file
Re Simon Bush

RECEIVED
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
November 12, 1970
NOV 16 1970

Mr. William H. Hofmann
Scout Executive
South Florida Council #84
Miami, Florida

REF. TO

ERING

Dear Bill:

We have just received the attached from Mr. James Bush and are forwarding it to you as we did the letter from one of the Scouts, [REDACTED] Senior Patrol Leader in Troop 169, Larkdale Elementary School.

I hope that whatever outcome is achieved, will be to the best advantage of all concerned.

Sincerely yours,

Joe
Joseph M. Thomas
Director
Education Relationships

JMT:mh
Attachment
cc: Region Six

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Port Lauderdale Fla.
33308 Florida

2960 Coral Way
Miami Florida
33145 Florida

RECEIVED
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

NOV 17 1970

REF. TO
LEaving UP

Dear Mr. Hofmann:

name is James Bush I was the scoutmaster of troop 169 at Larkdale School but asked to resign by Mr. Booker he & Mr. C. Wyatt Stated that Two men & two or people tole him that I had taken the boys to the thunder bird driveing & that I had Homosexual some or one of the boys this is not true I will meet with the parents & Dr. Lawerstaht you want to get & pay the fee myself alos I be willing to take a Polygraph test that this is not true I know how this about & home sayed it I would like to clear myself of this & all Ect. that ben made it is true that I am fun of the job I have & the boys also I spend aate deal of time with the boys only at the parents request when we go camping it are 3 or Four other Adults their also officers Spire of the Oakland Park enile Police Dept. Can help clear this matter up I am asking you if you would me have a chance to prove this & to be reinstated to work with the Boy Scouts America if not with 169 some other (that you perfure & tell me what to do & some to work beside me & I will show you that these act are not true for if I have wrong I will be willing to take the punishment comeing to me.

* Yours for better scouting James Bush
321 N.E. 33 St. Fort Lauderdale Florida

33308 Florida

James Bush

565-5039

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POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA 33061

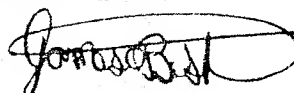
Mr. Hoffman
2960 Coral Way
Miami, Florida

Dear Sir:

I have ben working with the South Florida Council for five years or more, but doing the month of October I received letter from the Council office stating that I was dissmis from the Boy Scouts of America, because some parents had call the Council office & stated that I had taken there sons out camping & that I had homosexh these boys! this is not true " I am not asking you or any of your office worker to over look a mater like this that I am invole in or no oneeles, But I am asking you to please hear both sides of m the remarks that were made to your office about me. I thank that any man or what ever I am in the eyes of some peoples should have a chance to talk to you about this I have mail one letter to you but as of this date I have not heard from you weather or not i may meet with you & talk this mater over, I belive that a man is not guilty untill he is proven guilty if this be the caes I ask of you & the parents to dispoie of me & all man kind. If I may be or have a chance to see about this I will be gratefull.

Sincerly Yours:

James Bush



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M. Lowell
File

Mr. Hoffman
2960 Coral Way
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Hoffman I would like to meet with you & your staff,
about a remark or remarks that were made to your office
involves me, so that you may be aware of what I am talking
about the Principal of the Larkdale Elem. School had told
members of your staff that I had homosexual the scouts
in the troop & that I had taken there dues that were paid
and used them for my on us myself & some of the parents
that had boy in the troop at this time would like to know if
you would meet with us to look in this matter deeper as
I have said in the other three letter, I did not do this
I cannot prove this without your help if you will help
us in this matter please write me back at 321 N.E. 33 St.

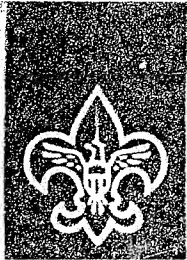
Yours for Better Scouting
James Bush
Thank You:

Fort Lauderdale, Florida
33308, Florida

James Bush

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TO: Scout Executive

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

The individual whose name appears on the enclosed Identification Questionnaire is applying for registration through your council. We cannot determine whether this is the same person as one we do not wish to register.

In order that we may settle this question, I would appreciate your supplying the information asked for.

Please use discretion in obtaining information so that no injustice will be done to the person. We recommend that you make no reference to the Confidential File. On the basis of bringing training records up-to-date or any other reason you wish to give, simply determine as best you can the answers to the questions.

We will hold the application in our pending file until we hear from you. Please inform your Registrar that the certificate for this individual will be delayed.

Paul Ernst

Paul I. Ernst, Director
Registration & Subscription Service

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Enclosure

*Frank, 5/1/78
check this out in DETAIL
& prepare for Bob's
signature! Thanks
[Signature]*

R/S-#515

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IDENTIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

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Boy Scouts of America

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DATE 4/18/78

SCOUTER JAMES BUSH

POSITION SM

ADDRESS 2880 NW 24 AVE., FT. LAUDERDALE, FL

TELEPHONE NO. 731 4310

EVER SERVED IN TR 169 IN 1970? AS SCOUTMASTER?

YES to Both Questions

First Name	?	YES	NO
Last Name	?	YES	NO
JAMES BUSH			
First	Middle	Last	
Single	How long married		

Race	BLACK												
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Height	5' 10"												
Weight	175												

Spouse's name

Children Names and ages

Education Where

Occupation BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
BUS DRIVER

Date 5/3/78
Signature C. J. Culver
Scout Executive

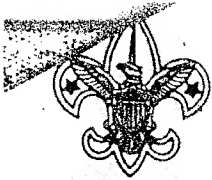
-ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN SHADED AREAS AND AS MANY OTHERS AS POSSIBLE-

No. 28-906

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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

55300

No. 874 Date 4/1/15

REFER

{ To your Transmittal of Registration and Subscriptions No. _____
Unit, Additional Enrollment, Council/District RosterREGISTRATION AND
SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE☒ CREDIT NOTICE☐ DEBIT NOTICE

REGISTRATION

Unit No. 1001 term _____ months

- ☐ _____ Leaders (_____ prepaid) @ \$ _____ each received \$ _____ required \$ _____
(_____ transfer)
_____ Members (_____ transfer) @ \$ _____ each received \$ _____ required \$ _____
- ☐ _____ Members _____ leaders listed on transmittal form _____ on application
- ☐ Transfers must pay \$.50 each. Expiration given _____ We have _____
- ☐ Not on transmittal report ☐ No application received.
- ☐ Duplicate entry ☐ Fees received \$ _____ required \$ _____
- ☐ Correction made per your letter _____
- ☐ No reply to our defective registration notice dated _____
- ☐ Form 30-308 must be approved by National Personnel Service before Registration can be processed.

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Term _____ month

- ☐ Paid for _____ subscriptions; listed _____ subscriptions received \$ _____ required \$ _____

Incorrect fees: _____ subscriptions

- ☐ Back issues not available
- ☐ Please check attached copy. Pay debit or indicate names to be deleted and return to us.

Please add or subtract the amount(s) indicated on your next transmittal in the proper column(s) and return the original.

BILLING

Cub Scout \$ _____
Scout \$ _____
Explorer \$ _____Leader \$ _____
Boys' Life \$ _____
Exploring \$ _____
Scouting \$ _____

Total \$ _____

CREDITING

Cub Scout \$ _____
Scout \$ _____
Explorer \$ _____Leader \$ 50
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Refers to Henry Byrum
5/8/78

April 21, 1978

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South Florida Council, No. 84

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Registration & Subscription Service

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MEMORANDUM

May 9, 1978

TO: L. R. KILMER

FROM: FRANK WARNHOFF

SUBJECT: THE PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL LETTER ON SCOUTMASTER JAMES BUSH
NATIONAL REGISTRATION SERVICE, APRIL 21, 1978

Last evening I met with Mr. Bush and informed him that his registration was not acceptable to the National Council. He assured me that until this problem was resolved, he would turn Troop 169 over to one of his committee members whose application will be forthcoming.

Mr. Bush also asked how he could check on what the problem was with his application and I referred him to the Director of Registration and Subscription Service at the National Office.

cc: Harry Bynum

Harry Bynum

579 - Suggestion involvement of

Subject by T.W. Workman

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021 NE 3356
Fort Lauderdale
33308 Florida

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I understand that one of my Scouts wrote your office concerning my dismissal as Scoutmaster after seeing him & the parents take a stand to see if they can get me reinstated as Scoutmaster. I decided tonight you my self I don't know what went on between Mr. Williams & the miami office but after talking to the boys & their parents I am asking you & the Local Council to help me be reinstated. I am sorry for the condition that I am in about me. I will try very hard to correct this mistake that has caused me to have a bad temper from the local council office, & their office. I would like to meet with you & other higher officers to give me a 2 month probation to prove this miss understanding with your help & a chance to prove that I am capable of being a leader train & 5 years as a leader for 3 years with last 169 so the.

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Registered Mail
Return Receipt Requested

October 19, 1970

Mr. James Bush
321 N. E. 33rd Street
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33308

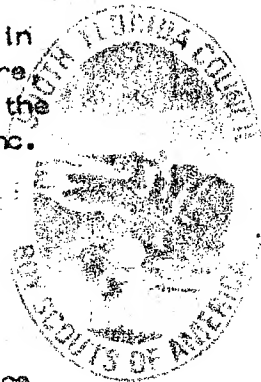
Dear Mr. Bush:

Please be informed that your registration as a volunteer in the Boy Scouts of America cannot be accepted. Therefore, you will henceforth cease and desist all connections with the Boy Scouts of America and the South Florida Council, Inc.

Sincerely,

W. Robert Booker
Director of Field Service

WRB/ml



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November 12, 1970

Mr. James Bush
321 W. E. 33rd Street
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308

Dear Mr. Bush:

It was good to receive your letter and to know that you are interested in continuing with a leadership responsibility in Scouting.

I am forwarding your letter to Mr. William H. Hofmann, Scout executive of the South Florida Council in Miami. Doubtless, he will have one of the council staff men look into the matter you referred to in your letter.

In addition to the Scout office, I am sure that your local officers will contact the institution that sponsors your unit so that the responsible people there may be aware of your desire to continue in Scouting. These are the people who must make the final decision with regard to the Boy Scout troop and its ongoing program and leadership.

I trust that in the end the final decision will best serve the boys who are anxious to move forward with a good troop program.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph M. Thomas
Director
Education Relationships

JMT:mh

cc: William H. Hofmann, S.E., Cl. #84

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The Program whether I am their leader
or not we all have a job to do & we
we hear to help our self or the boys
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is made the boy is not kicked out he is
given a 2nd chance to prove his
bravery this is all that I am asking
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bottom of this & will you let me know if
you can send someone to meet with the
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gathered also I have worked in the lighthouse
& dis. Pompano & never have I had this
yours for better scouting

James Bell

MEMORANDUM

To: Bob Booker

321 NE 33 St
7th L. 33308

From: Chuck Wyatt

Date: 9/19/70

I have received several complaints about Mr. James Bush, Scoutmaster of Troop 169. They are as follows.

1. Mr. Bush allegedly took boys in his troop to an "X" rail mine.
2. Mr. Bush has allegedly taken boys camping without parent knowledge of the whereabouts, including 9-10 year old boys.
3. Mr. Bush has forced boys to start fires in the open in the night.
4. Numerous complaints of this nature - and has several questions about misapprehensions of facts have arisen.

I request that you take appropriate action.

Chuck Wyatt



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OCT 23 1970

JAMES BISH

321 N.E. 33 ST

PORT LAUDERDALE

FLA 33308

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PROTESTANT

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AMBULANCE ATTENDANT, MORTISMAN'S HELPER

HIGH SCHOOL

170

BLACK

5'-11"

BLACK

BROWN

SINGLE

(if possible)

TELEPHONE

CITY

APRIL 1970

Date resigned

OCT 1970

SECTORS (P. 10-12, 13, 14)

ALL 1970 1-12-1970 with results.

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Witness Charles Auguste [REDACTED]

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A Parent of two boys in troop
a lot of problems was brought up
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taking ~~the~~ boys to unfit movies. (2) Mr.
ush feeling on the large boys.



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May 12, 1978

PERMANENT PROBATIONARY

James Bush
Scoutmaster, Troop 169
Ft. Lauderdale, Fl.
Exp. 3/79 Council 84

This man keep on permanent probation
per Mr. Ernst conversation with lawyer.

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Unit released 5/12/78 - Adorman

NEW TROOP APPLICATION

FOR OFFICE USE

REGION	COUNCIL NO.	DISTRICT NO.	NATIONAL UNIT NO.	LOCAL UNIT NO.
2	84	3	169	169

CITY: Fort Lauderdale FLA. 12 MONTHS 79

COUNTY: Broward ~~County~~ New River

NAME OF CHARTERED ORGANIZATION: Wingate Oaks Center

ADDRESS: 1211 NW 33 Terr. Ft. Lauderdale FLA

NAME AND TITLE OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: W. L. FARTH DICK PRINCIPLE 79-26070

ADDRESS OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: 1211 NW 33 Terr. Ft. Lauderdale FLA 33311

SIGNATURE OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER: [Signature] SIGNATURE OF SCOUTMASTER: [Signature]

TROOP MEETING PLACE AND DAYS: Wingate Oaks Center Wed. 7:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.

☒ SCOUTMASTER TRAINED ☐ SPECIAL TROOP FOR ☐ RETARDED ☐ HANDICAPPED

BOYS' LIFE INFORMATION: FIRST ISSUE: [] LAST ISSUE: [] SUBSCRIPTION TERM: []

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: SCOUT REGISTRATION FEES: 200 LEADER REGISTRATION FEES: 1050 BOYS' LIFE FEES: 250 TOTAL FEES: 2250

NATIONAL COPY

PLEASE PRINT ONE LETTER IN EACH SPACE—PRESS HARD; YOU ARE MAKING THREE COPIES

NAME: JAMES BUSA BIRTH DATE: [] POSITION: SM

PRINT FIRST NAME FIRST—LEAVE A SPACE BETWEEN FIRST NAME, INITIAL AND LAST NAME

ADDRESS—STREET OR R.F.D.: 2880 NW 24 AVE

COLLEGE SCOUTER RESERVE—USE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS AT COLLEGE

CITY: FT LAUDERDALE FLA ZIP CODE: 33311 SEX: [] AGE: []

HOME PHONE: 231-4310 SCOUTMASTER: [Signature]

OCCUPATION, EMPLOYER AND BUSINESS ADDRESS: []

REGISTRATION FEE: \$3.50 BOYS' LIFE FEE: \$1.00 TERM (MONTHS): 12 UNIT EXPIRATION DATE: 03 79

☐ If applicant has an unexpired membership certificate, registration may be accomplished in this unit by a payment of 50 cents for processing the transfer. Check the box and attach certificate. It will be returned by the council.

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The Miami Herald

Thursday, March 18, 1976

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Jailed, He's Found Innocent

By THEODORE STANGER
And PAT SEALEY
Herald Staff Writers

James Bush, a 27-year-old former scoutmaster who spent more than five months in jail convicted of a homosexual assault the court now says he never committed, enjoyed his first full day of real freedom Wednesday after he passed a lie detector test and charges against him were dropped.

Bush said his first thoughts were to regain the \$3.75-hourly job driving a school bus he lost two years ago because of the charges.

But he also said he was bitter over what he called a 30-month ordeal to prove his innocence.

"I want to forgive the people who sent me to jail," Bush said, "and yet I feel bitter that justice was not done."

"RIGHT NOW, I just want to clear my name. I don't know if I want to be a scoutmaster again, but I want them (the Boy Scouts) to know about this incident. I feel the School Board should give me my job back," Bush said.

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Man Wrongly Convicted of Assault to Seek Scout Post

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (UPI) — A former Boy Scout Master, convicted of sexual assault on a 7-year-old member of his troop nearly two years ago and released from jail this week after passing a lie detector test, says he will seek reinstatement in the Boy Scouts.

James Bush, 27, said Wednesday he would try to return to the life he led prior to his September, 1974 conviction.

"I just hope to try and get my job back as a school bus driver and get the Boy Scouts to reinstate me and to clear my name," he said.

Public defender William Herring has filed a motion to expunge Bush's prison record. He served a total of four and a half months of a 12-year prison sentence.

Bush, Scout Master of troop 332, was convicted Sept. 18, 1974 of sexual assault on a youngster during a November, 1973 campout. The boy, one of four to share a tent with Bush, told his parents he had been sexually attacked. During police questioning of the other youngsters in the tent, a 13-year-old said Bush had molested him in a previous campout.

An appeal of the conviction was rejected and Bush returned to prison at a Tallahassee road camp until Herring won a new hearing in January before Circuit Judge Daniel Futch.

Herring had obtained a statement from the 13-year-old boy in which the boy admitted he had lied to police and that all Bush did was bump up against him in his sleep. Under questioning in the hearing, the youngster was uncertain about his original story and then reneged on it.

The judge decided to give Bush a lie

detector test, saying if Bush passed he could go free but if he failed he would serve the full 12-year sentence.

Bush passed the test and was freed Monday.

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Scout Leader From Jail

Bush's prison records "expunged" and his prison inmate number erased from state records.

Because of Judge Pritch's order yesterday, Bush won't have to return to shoveling in the hot sun as a member of an heavily guarded inmate work crew out of the Tallahassee Road Prison.

A 10th-grade dropout and volunteer worker for the state Division of Youth Services, Bush was scoutmaster of Troop 332 in northwest Fort Lauderdale when the group went on a campout on Nov. 16, 1973, in a wooded area near the 6700 block of NW 45th Street in Lauderdale.

After the usual talk of snipe hunts and such, the

boys bedded down for the night in several tents. Bush had four boys in his tent, including the 7-year-old boy whose father Bush had asked earlier the day to take home because the boy was ill.

The boy was taken home the following day, at which time he told his mother he had been sexually attacked. His parents summoned police.

Bush, who was living with his mother and family and was engaged to a 23-year-old Pompano Beach woman, had no record of homosexual activity, and in fact was known among his acquaintances, they testified later, as a dedicated religious activist.

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Lie Test Frees Scout Master In Sex Case

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Police arrived at the campsite on the afternoon of Nov. 17, taking the boys who had slept in Bush's tent the previous night one by one into a squad car for questioning. A 13-year-old said Bush had molested him at a similar campsite six weeks earlier.

In the 10 months before his case went to trial, Bush said he wanted to take a lie test and waited for police to give him a polygraph examination, but that they never did.

Bogenschutz, however, said that the day before the Sept. 18, 1974, trial, Bush was offered and refused a lie detector test.

At any rate, the six-member jury deliberated only about two hours before finding him guilty.

Bush couldn't understand it, he said. The prosecution's doctor found no evidence that the victim was attacked. Bush's attorney, Norman D. Zimmerman, did not call the many character witnesses Bush had asked him to use, despite the \$500 fee, Bush said.

Then on Oct. 24, Judge Futch sentenced Bush to 12 years at hard labor, almost the 15-year maximum for a first offense.

Bush went to jail until mid-December when a \$5,000 appeal bond set him free. He was free until Nov. 17, 1975, when the Fourth District Court of Appeals found nothing wrong with the original trial and denied his appeal. He was then sent to prison.

Bush's appeal was led by a Wilton Manors woman and about 100 Bush partisans from black and white churches, she said, who did the leg work going over Bush's case.

Crucial to the appeal was the 13-year-old boy who claimed Bush had sexually assaulted him six weeks before the 7-year-old boy was allegedly assaulted.

The 13-year-old youth subsequently recanted his testimony and signed a statement saying:

"At the trial for Mr. Bush I lied and said that Mr. Bush had tried to do something like this to me when we were on another camping trip once. I really don't know that he meant to do anything like this. All that I remember is that Mr. Bush bumped up against me. He may just have been rolling over in his sleep."

Although the appellate court denied the appeal, though one judge wondered why Bush was sent to prison instead of a mental hospital, Herring took over the case from Zimmerman and, armed with the new testimony from the 13-year-old boy, filed a motion asking Futch to vacate the sentence.

And in his 28-page petition, Herring charged Zimmerman with "gross incompetency" by allegedly not preparing the defense sufficiently and not safeguarding Bush's rights during the trial. So, in mid-January this year, Bush was taken from prison to the county jail to await the hearing.

"I got to thinking about the 13-year-old's new testimony. It must have carried a lot of weight with the jury, so I thought the guy (Bush) should have a new hearing," Futch said today.

With a packed courtroom of Bush activists looking on — and this time all the witnesses were called — Futch took a strong role in questioning witnesses as Asst. State Atty. James L. Corn remained almost silent.

Under questioning by the judge, the 13-year-old youth seemed to go back to his original story of an alleged attack, but Futch reserved ruling to ponder the case.

Then last week Futch and Bogenschutz called Herring and said Bush could go free if he passed the polygraph examination, though the judge said he would send Bush back to prison for the full 12 years if he failed.

Bush was hesitant to take the test according to Bogenschutz, and asked to think about it over the weekend.

"It kind of amazed me that he wanted to think it over. He had nothing to lose by taking it and everything to gain — his freedom — if he did," Bogenschutz said.

Bush consented and passed the test with ease. Officials said Bush was as "truthful" as the all-

TRICKLES out of my ears and nose as I made Monday from The Fort parking lot to Le Club International. It normally takes about 10 to 15 minutes. One of the reasons for the classic tieup decision to make repairs on a major avenue and he up the most amount of the year, and time of the day. Studies made when the best time is to do the public can be made to do the all-



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March 19, 1976

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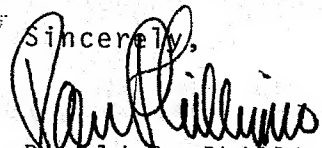
Dear Paul:

Enclosed are two Identification Questionnaires with our apologies for their tardiness. Also enclosed are copies of newspaper stories which have appeared recently regarding Mr. James Bush. This incident took place before the present administration and consequently none of us are familiar with the particulars of the original case. Undoubtedly you do have a file on this case and the clippings should be added to it.

We have not asked for any materials directly from the court. But if you feel you should have them, we will be happy to do so. Please let us know what your reaction to this material is.

Some of our Scouters privately feel that this man was cleared on a legal technicality. We would appreciate knowing what our stance should be in the event Mr. Bush does pursue reinstatement.

Sincerely,


Ronald A. Phillippo
Scout Executive

RAP:mar

Enclosures

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Broward 305-584-4200

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November 4, 1970

Mr. William H. Hofmann
Scout Executive
South Florida Council, No. 84

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: Lee J. Mesnaw and
James Bush

Dear Mr. Hofmann:

Thank you for the confidential record sheets and the correspondence concerning the above two men. We have placed this information in our file and have taken steps to delete Mr. Bush's name.

This information will enable us to identify both men, should they ever again attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Earl L. Krall, Director
Registration and Fulfillment Service

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